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FOR AMBASSADORS FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUB: US POLICY ON AMERICANS' SERVING AS MERCENARIES

IN FOREIGN ARMIES

1. IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT IS FULLY
AWARE OF OUR POLICY IN REGARD TO AMERICANS SERVING AS MER-
CENARIES IN FOREIGN ARMIES, I WOULD ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING
POINTS DRAWN FROM THE STATEMENT GIVEN BY ASSISTANT SECRE-
TARY SCHAUFELE BEFORE THE SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTI-
GATIONS OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON
AUGUST 9, BE CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNMENT AT AN EARLY APPRO-
PRIATE OPPORTUNITY. YOU SHOULD PLAY YOUR APPROACH IN LOW
KEY, SAYING THAT THE PRINTED COPY OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
SCHAUFELE'S REMARKS HAD JUST REACHED YOU, AND YOU THOUGHT
THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A SUMMARY OF
THE MAIN POINTS GIVEN THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF THE IS-
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SUE FOR AFRICA. DEPT WILL POUCH FULL TEXT IF LOCAL GOVERN-

MENT EXPRESSES AN INTEREST.

2. THE FOLLOWING WERE THE MAIN POINTS OF SCHAUFELLE'S PRESENTATION.

-- THE RECRUITMENT OF AMERICANS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE US TO SERVE IN A FOREIGN ARMY IS AN OFFENSE UNDER OUR

NEUTRALITY LAWS;

-- THE JUSTICE DEPT IS INVESTIGATING THESE CASES;

-- NO AMERICANS WERE RECRUITED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SERVE IN ANGOLA, RHODESIA OR ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA AS MERCENARIES;

-- WE ATTEMPTED TO DISCOURAGE ANY AMERICANS FROM JOINING ANY ARMY IN ANGOLA OR RHODESIA;

-- AS A MATTER OF POLICY WE ARE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO ANY AMERICANS SERVING AS MERCENARIES IN FOREIGN ARMIES. ROBINSON

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